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EMBASSY PLEASE PASS TO ERDA REP HENOCHE

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SUBJECT:NEED FOR PROTECTING JAPANESE REPORTS; BWR PIPE
CRACK INQUIRY

REF: A-STATE 16626

1. SUMMARY: NRC NEEDS TO KNOW DEGREE OF PROTECTION TO BE
ASSIGNED TO MIHAMA 1 FUEL REPORT. ALSO,NRC DESIRES
INFORMATION ON CRACK IN RECIRCULATION LINE RISER OF
JAPANESE REACTOR. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING VISIT OF L. SHAO EARLIER THIS YEAR, SHAO WAS
PROVIDED A REPORT, "MIHAMA POWER PLANT NO. 1 FUEL ROD
INVESTIGATION REPORT", MARCH 1977, WITH ACCOMPANYING
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PHOTOGRAPHS, BY HIROSHI ISHIDA OF STA. SHAO WAS INSTRUCTED
BY ISHIDA TO MAINTAIN THE REPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS IN
CONFIDENCE.

3. NRC IS ABLE TO PROTECT INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLO-
SURE IF IT IS PROPRIETARY (INFORMATION THE DISCLOSURE OF
WHICH WOULD DO FINANCIAL HARM) OR BY CLASSIFYING THE

MATERIAL IF ITS DISCLOSURE WILL HARM OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS.
ERDA REP REQUESTED TO APPROACH STA, EXPLAIN PROTECTION
ALTERNATIVES AND OBTAIN EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE

DEGREE OF PROTECTION TO PROVIDE FOR THIS REPORT AND
ACCOMPANYING PHOTOGRAPHS.

4. NRC IS STILL AWAITING A REPLY TO REQUEST OF REFERENCE
A. WE SPECULATE THAT REPORTED CRACKS IN RECIRCULATION
LINES OCCURRED AT ONE OF FUKUSHIMA UNITS, AND MAY HAVE
BEEN REPORTED IN THE ASAHI DAILY NEWS OF JUNE 12, 1977.
NRC REQUESTS ERDA REP TO CHECK FOR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
AND REPORT FINDINGS. IF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE,
ERDA REP REQUESTED TO PURSUE SUBJECT OF CRACKS WITH MITI
AND STA, AND OBTAIN AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE.
THESE CRACKS ARE OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST TO NRC.

5. PLEASE REPLY PASS TO LAFLEUR, NRC. THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ASSISTANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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